



# California Public Utilities Commission

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### **PUC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON EDISON'S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT SUBSTATION AND NEW TOWERS**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3, 2004 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold two Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) regarding Southern California Edison's request for Commission approval to construct a new substation and towers.

The schedule is as follows:

- May 25, 2004, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Mission Viejo City Hall Council Chamber

200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo

Edison is requesting approval from the PUC to construct a new 220/66/12 kilovolt (kV) substation in Lake Forest and replace 20 existing tubular steel poles with 13 four-circuit tubular steel H-frame towers along an existing right of way, mostly through the city of Mission Viejo. Edison proposes to install three 66 kV lines on the new towers, which would run adjacent to existing lattice towers along 3.1 miles of existing rights of way. The H-frame towers would be 70 to 140 feet in height. The project would also replace three 220 kV lattice steel towers with ten new tubular steel poles along the right of way.

Edison states it needs to install these facilities in order to improve system reliability in the area and reduce the possibility that the area will experience power shortages as early as 2005.

These PPHs are scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to comment on Edison's application. A PUC Administrative Law Judge will be at the meetings to listen to public comment, and a court reporter will record the comments. Comments from the public can help the Commission reach an informed decision and members of the public are encouraged to attend the scheduled hearings.

If special arrangements are needed, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office at 415-703-2074 or toll free 1-866-849-8390 or TTY 415-703-5282 or 1-866-836-7825, or by e-mail at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) at least three days in advance of the event.

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